

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2004. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims.

Claims 1-47 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-47 are subject to restriction in accordance with one of the following six groups:

- Group 1: Embodiment is described in Figure 1.
- Group 2: Embodiment is described in Figure 2.
- Group 3: Embodiment is described in Figure 3.
- Group 4: Embodiment is described in Figure 4.
- Group 5: Embodiment is described in Figures 5a and 5b.
- Group 6: Embodiment is described in Figure 6.

Applicant communicated concerns about the species defined by the Examiner. Applicant discussed appropriate restriction with the Examiner in a telephonic meeting on November 9, 2004, and the Examiner suggested that the Application be alternatively subject to restriction in accordance with the following eight groups:

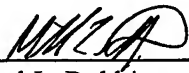
- Group 1: Claims 1-6.
- Group 2: Claims 7-9.
- Group 3: Claims 10-15.
- Group 4: Claims 16-39.
- Group 5: Claim 40.
- Group 6: Claim 41.
- Group 7: Claim 42.
- Group 8: Claims 43-47.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group 4, Claims 16-39. Please withdraw Claims 1-15 and 40-47.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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